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RESIDUES IN EGGS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 25, 2004, time for a response is set to expire on June 25, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-6 and 12, which are drawn to a process for determining the presence or absence of an antimicrobial residue in a sample of an egg. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

Applicants thank the Office for the courtesy shown during the telephonic interview conducted on 24 MAY 2004 and acknowledge the Interview Summary provided with the Office Action of May 25, 2004.

CONCLUSION

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit**Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 246152016800. However, the Assistant

Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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